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REMARKS

The Advisory Action indicates that Claims 8, 10, 12, 13, 21, 23, 25, 26, 34, 36, 38, and 39 are allowed. However, the Examiner continues to reject Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 14, 15, 17-20, 27, 28, and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,418,413 to DeMarcken et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,978,770 to Waytena et al.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present application and without prejudice to presentation in any subsequently filed, related application, Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 14, 15, 17-20, 27, 28, and 30-33 have been cancelled. Therefore, because all of the rejected claims have been cancelled, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present Claims 8, 10, 12, 13, 21, 23, 25, 26, 34, 36, 38, and 39 of the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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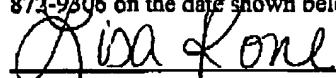
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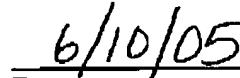
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